



The Byrd's

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in the Dominican Republic

Hello Friends,

The last 2 months have been a roller coaster ride. To be honest, it's been the nature of the beast here the last few years. In the last letter I wrote about Jennifer, the sister of Luis one of our men training for pastoral ministry, and her salvation. Well, she was baptized a few weeks ago. The Thursday Night evangelistic Bible study Luis leads is bearing much fruit, with a few saved already. Also this past Sunday was Mother's Day here in the DR and 9 women connected to this Bible Study attended our service and were honored along with the rest of our mothers.

Tonight at the Bible Study the lady on the far left, Mari, poured out her heart to her unsaved cousin, Susanna (on the right) explaining how God is changing her life, her daughter Elisa, niece Jennifer (center) and Ramon her brother (also center). I was so thrilled when she shared how sometimes it takes a person a little time to understand the grace of God. She just encouraged her to keep seeking the truth, assuring her that God would reveal the truth to her. THAT is why I love being a missionary!!



Sometimes I read of someone seeing thousands coming to Christ. In my experience here, that doesn't happen due to vast amount of false teaching that most Dominicans receive. It normally takes awhile for God to "de-program" the false doctrine, and to "re-program" with the truth. But when we allow God to work at his own speed, we tend to see people transformed into disciples not just converts. Its slow, and sometimes you don't see the results you hope to see. But when you see people like Mari reproducing in others what has been invested in her, it really stirs your heart. Thank you for participating with us in God's plan to reach the nations! It truly is a worthy endeavor.

PRAISES:

- ◇ Thank you for praying for Haley and her college decision. She will be attending the College of the Ozarks along with Darby in the fall. We are excited that they will be on the same campus.
- ◇ Our second story class rooms are under construction finally. We have a roof, walls, plaster, and now insulation on the ceiling. We lack the electric, windows, paint and tile. If anyone knows how to lay tile and would like to make a trip to the DR, I promise we will feed you good!

PRAYER REQUEST:

- ⇒ We are in the final stages of transferring the property we think. But we hit another obstacle. Pray for us and for God's Favor. This has been an agonizing process for the last 9 years.

Living the Dream,

Gary, Tami, Heidi, Darby & Haley